

## Commission Business Meeting Notes

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Today's meeting began with item one on the utilities agenda: a request between two telecommunications companies for the approval of an existing interconnection agreement. Commissioner Caston moved to approve the agreement, which carried.

Item two was a petition to intervene out of time in Docket No. 2022-2-E. Commissioner Powers moved to grant the petition, noting that it would not prejudice the parties nor delay the hearing. His motion carried.

Item three was a request for admission *pro hac vice* in Docket No. 2021-349-E and item four was likewise a request for admission *pro hac vice* in Docket No. 2021-349-E. These items were carried over.

Item five was a request for approval of a contract and two amendments to that contract, along with a request for confidential treatment of certain portions of the contract documents. Commissioner Powers moved to grant this request, and his motion carried.

Item six involved a request to open an informational docket in Docket No. 2020-125-E regarding stakeholder meetings. Commissioner Williams moved to grant this request, and her motion carried.

Item seven involved Docket No. 2021-291-A and issues relating to the prefiling of surrebuttal testimony before the Commission. Commissioner Powers noted that the appropriateness of surrebuttal testimony had been brought up by parties; his motion noted the function and role of surrebuttal testimony and established Commission policy for surrebuttal testimony as an optional privilege at the discretion of the Commission. The complete video of Commissioner Powers' motion can be found [at this link](#). Significant discussion followed, with Commissioner Belser speaking out in favor of the current treatment of testimony in opposition to Commissioner Powers' motion. Chairman Williams, noting that the Commission "seeks procedural efficiency," spoke in favor of the motion. Commissioner Powers' motion carried.

In addition to these items, Commissioners were also briefed on sixteen other issues related to utilities in South Carolina. The complete list of these items, as well as links to dockets and all materials, is available at the agenda link above.

Today's transportation agenda began with two applications for new certificates, which were taken together and granted following a motion brought by Commissioner Caston.

Items three through ten were requests to amend certificates.

Commissioner Powers moved to grant the request in item three, which carried.

Item four was a request to amend a tariff, which was granted following a motion brought by Commissioner Caston.

Item five was a request to amend a tariff, which was granted following a motion brought by Commissioner Ervin.

Item six was a request for a revised bill of lading; Commissioner Williams moved to direct the company in question to meet the requirements of the SC Code before the bill of lading could be approved. Her motion carried.

Item seven was a request to amend a tariff; Commissioner Williams provided necessary requirements for an amended tariff and directed the company to provide a second revised tariff for consideration. Her motion carried.

Item eight was another request to amend a tariff; this request was granted following a motion brought by Commissioner Powers.

Item nine was a request to amend a tariff, which was granted following a motion brought by Commissioner Williams.

Item ten was a request to amend a tariff, which Commissioner Thomas moved to approve. His motion carried. Commissioner Thomas commended the Tariff Bureau for their work.

Item eleven was a request for an extension of time until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to comply with Commission rules and regulations; Commissioner Caston moved to grant this request, and his motion carried.

Finally, item twelve was a request for reinstatement, which was carried over at the request of Commissioner Powers.

In addition to these items, Commissioners were also briefed on ten other issues related to transportation providers in South Carolina. The complete list of these items, as well as links to dockets and all materials, is available at the agenda link above.

The next regular Commission Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m. You can access the livestream broadcast of that meeting by visiting our site at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) and clicking on "livestream." If you have questions about today's proceedings, please follow us on social media—on Twitter at @PSCofSC and at @UtilityConsumer or on Facebook at Public Service Commission of South Carolina or SC Utility Consumer—or call the offices of the PSC at 803.896.5100. Thank you.